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First Named Inventor	William E. Asher
Art Unit	1743
Examiner Name	Alexander, Lyle
Attorney Docket No.	101324-0054RCE

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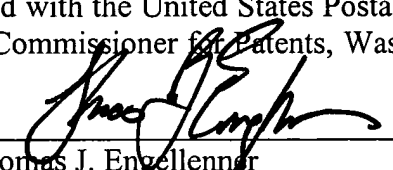
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby files the following amendments and remarks in response to the Office Action mailed April 8, 2003, in the above referenced Patent Application, together with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). As discussed in detail below, the Application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Thus, reconsideration and allowance of the Application are respectfully requested.

In the Claims

Please amend claim 25 and cancel claim 43 as shown below. In accordance with the revised format for submitting amendments, a single copy of the amended claim language is presented on the following pages.